

Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1621
Application No. 10/580,699
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REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are currently pending. Claims 7-16 have been cancelled in this amendment, without prejudice to filing one or more continuation or divisional applications relating to the subject matter thereof.

Claims 1-6 have been indicated as allowable. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this amendment since the amendment will place the claims in condition for allowance.

Claims 12-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness because of the word "combination". Claims 12-16 have been cancelled, therefore this rejection is moot. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 8-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Gill et al., "Transition metal-carbon bonds. XXXIII. Internal Metallations of Secondary and Tertiary Carbon Atoms by Platinum (II) and Palladium (II)", Inorganic Chemistry (1972-1999) (1973), (3), 270-8. Claims 8-16 have been cancelled, therefore this rejection is moot. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

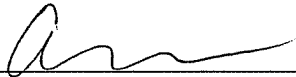
Claims 7-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinashi et al. (JP 62149721). Claims 7-16 have been cancelled, therefore this rejection is moot. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Since the pending claims as amended have been allowed, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this amendment and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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